

Parent Information Network Specialists

PIN Specialists are parent consultants with the Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services (ADE/ESS). Their purpose is to provide parents with information that is essential for them to actively participate in their child's special education. PIN Specialists also provide services to educators, college students, service providers, community agencies, and parent organizations.

PIN Specialists offer a variety of avenues to assist parents and community partners to understand the special education process and related issues.

PIN Clearinghouse

FREE printed resources are available upon request and online, www.azed.gov/ess/pinspals:

- Behavior, early childhood, disability-specific, Individualized Education Program (IEP), IDEA '04, self-advocacy, transition: preschool to adult, Spanish resources
- Disability Resource Directory
- Video Lending Library
- Quarterly newsletter, Network News

PIN Trainings

FREE workshops are tailored to the schedule and needs of parents, teachers, administrators, college classes, students, service providers, or community groups. Some of the topics include:

- The special education process
- Participation in the IEP process
- Parents as advocates
- How to start a parent group
- Disability awareness

PIN Consultation

FREE consultation is provided to help the consumer assess their needs and learn how to participate in the decision-making process.

Action planning can include the following:

- Discuss concerns
- Examine documentation
- Review laws and rights pertaining to issues
- Explore possible options for solutions
- Prioritize and strategize next steps

PIN Specialists cannot attend IEP meetings.

Teambuilding

PIN Specialists promote consensus-building to achieve positive outcomes for students. They regularly assist parents, schools, and local agencies throughout Arizona to build and sustain positive working relationships.

PALS

Partners Are Liaisons to Schools

PALS are parents of students receiving special education services who have been nominated by a PIN Specialist or school district/charter school staff to serve as a contact for families at the district/school level OR a community partner who has a similar interest in educating parents and students about their special education rights and responsibilities.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM

Please check ☐ parent ☐ student ☐ school staff ☐ service provider ☐ organization / agency

- ☐ Yes, I would like to receive the free quarterly newsletter Network News ☐ email address ☐ street address
☐ Yes, I would like a PIN Specialist to contact me to provide free special education resources
☐ Yes, I would like a PIN Specialist to contact me to provide free special education consultation
☐ Yes, I am interested in free PIN Trainings

Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

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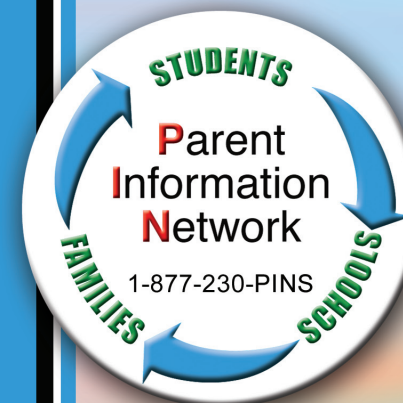
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